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Battle of the Bands coming to Haliburton

By Angelica Ingram

Get your guitar, drumsticks and singing voice ready.

The first Battle of the Bands is coming to Haliburton in just a few weeks and organizers are looking for you.

Set to take place on Friday, Feb. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre, the event is a fundraiser for the Haliburton Junction Skatepark.

With plans to revamp and upgrade the popular park located in the village off Maple Avenue, the skatepark committee has been raising funds for months, with a goal of reaching approximately $100,000. To date they have raised more than $20,000, said Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller.

She came up with the idea of hosting a Battle of the Bands and committee members Scott Duggan and Kelsey Clarke jumped on board.

Both Duggan and Clarke are not avid skateboarders, but are involved in the initiative because of their interest in youth and wanting to see more recreation opportunities in town.

The battle will involve anyone interested in signing up, whether part of a band or a solo performer. There is no age minimum or maximum.

"There are a few rappers signed up," said Duggan.

Performers should have at least one to two songs prepared, but more are welcome.

"It's more of a venue for people to play," he said. "It's going to be friendly competition."

There will be prizes for the performers.

Dysart recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller, left, and Junction Skatepark committee member Scott Duggan are urging residents to get their tickets to the upcoming Battle of the Bands. Scheduled for Feb. 19, the first time event is a fundraiser for the village's skatepark revamp. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the municipal office or at the door. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

The sound will be provided by Mark Tomlinson of the Haliburton Folk Society. The not-for-profit organization donated Tomlinson's services to the event.

The evening will be hosted by Moose FM's Brett Walker.

Mueller is hoping to have potential designs for the improved skatepark on display at the event, with guests able to weigh in on their preference.

The committee is hoping to start work on the skatepark improvements this spring.

Battle of the Bands starts at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The event is all ages, which is something Mueller is hoping makes it more popular.

"We want people to showcase their talent and here's a place where you can do that and everyone can attend," said Mueller.

If Battle of the Bands is successful Mueller is hoping to make it an annual event, with funds going towards different initiatives every year.

"There isn't much for youth in our community, in the winter especially," she said. "We're hoping we get a good turnout."

Tickets are $10. Organizers are hoping to draw around 150 people, including performers.

Pizza and pop will be available for purchase at the community centre. There will also be more skate decks available to buy.

Tickets can be purchased at the Dysart municipal office or at the door.

For more information or to sign-up, email Duggan at scott.fg.duggan@gmail.com or contact Mueller at 705-457-1740.

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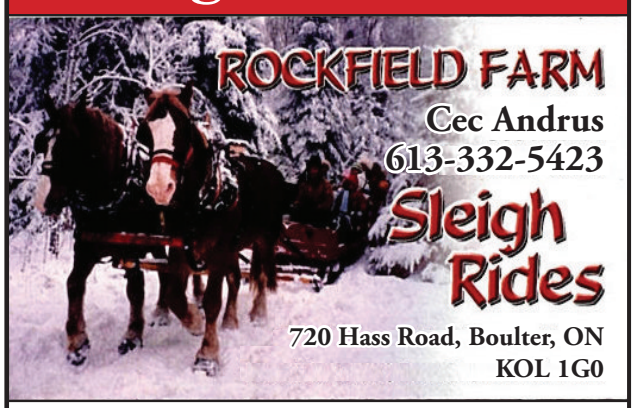

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Take a journey at Rails End

Attendees observe some colourful works during the opening reception of Journey at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Jan. 23. A wood carving of an anguished Toronto Maple Leafs fan by Keith Rydberg was entitled, "The Long and Lonely Road." The members show is on until March 19.

Mitch and the Prof: Live in Minden

It's not every day that an Aerosmith alumnus comes to the Highlands, but one is on his way to entertain us. The Canadian Blues Legends is proud to present Professor Piano Scott Cushnie and his long-time friend, guitarist Mitch Lewis, in a special, intimate evening of swing, boogie woogie, blues, and early rock. The dynamic duo will be playing the Dominion Hotel in Minden on the evening of Friday, Feb. 12, just in time for Valentine's.

Scott Cushnie is simply a fabulous player and is recognized as Canada's premier boogie woogie performer. He's a legend in the Canadian music scene and his roots go way back. So much so that Robbie Robertson of The Band fame once played in Scott's group, the Suedes. Scott, aka Professor Piano, has also performed with Mike McKenna, and Danny Marks and produced for and performed with Ronnie Hawkins. He toured with Aerosmith on the *Toys in the Attic* tour and is the piano player on the live album of the same name. Scott has also fronted his own successful bands, the Rockin' Deltoids and the Canadian Aces, and he conceived and recorded "Two Pianos, No Waiting" with the brilliant keyboardist Doug Riley.

Mitch Lewis, long-time guitar player in Scott's bands has also played with Valdy, Jackie Washington, Jimmy Bowskill, John Lord of Deep Purple the Mamas and the Papas, Murray McLaughlin, and Doug Riley. He's Mister Versatile, and he'll have to be at the Minden gig, because the Professor will be playing everything from Fats Waller to Jerry Lee Lewis plus his own quirky, sometimes funny, sometimes wistful originals.

No, there won't be any Aerosmith tunes, but what you will hear will put a smile on your face.

Don't miss this intimate evening of guitar and piano with two Canadian music legends. Tickets for the Friday, Feb. 12 gig can be purchased online at DominionHotelPub.ca or by pick up at the hotel. First set starts at 8 p.m.

Submitted

Lesser known indicators of spring

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Groundhog Day has just passed and it has once again proven that no one agrees when it comes to weather forecasts. Some groundhogs tell us spring is around the corner. Others suggest that winter will be here for roughly nine more years.

I'm all for using methods like these to forecast spring but like other men of science I also firmly believe that there are other methods we should temper our prognostications with.

Here are my top 10:

1. If the groundhog only sticks his middle finger up from the hole, this is a sure indicator that winter will be with us a while longer.
2. If the groundhog is wearing Crocs, spring is probably sooner that you would suspect.
3. If the groundhog yells at his keeper for leaving the crate door open and letting in all the cold, winter has likely got legs yet.
4. If the groundhog steps out of his crate wearing a barbecue apron that's good news.
5. If the groundhog steps out and then uses his cellphone to book a holiday in the Caribbean, winter will be longer than expected.
6. If the groundhog starts his prediction with, "OK, don't shoot the messenger…."
7. If the groundhog is putting his ice fishing gear away, when the handler arrives, spring is coming soon.
8. If you see a returning robin or woodcock using a cordless drill to probe for worms, spring is a little ways off yet.
9. If you see squirrels sliding down trees like firefighters, spring just might be delayed.
10. If the sap is running, spring is almost here – and by sap, I mean that guy who jogs by your place every morning and makes you feel bad about yourself.

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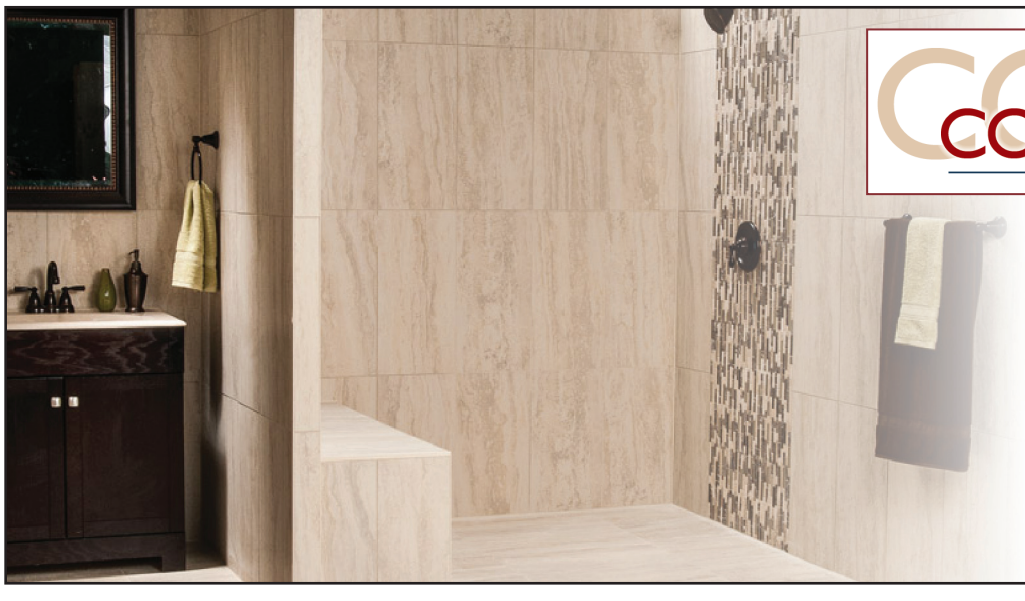

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"We're used to thinking: save, save, save on taxes," says Brian Moore, FCPA, FCGA of TurnerMoore LLP in Sarnia. "But it's not all about saving on your taxes today. When you reach age 65, many government benefits are geared to income. To make the most of your RRSP contributions, you must have a lower income when you withdraw them. It can sometimes make more sense to start taking out smaller amounts earlier and optimizing your tax brackets thus have a lower taxable income when you reach 65 so you can access more government benefits.

"If you're going to be paying 20 cents' worth of tax on every dollar when you retire early, you may want to start withdrawing RRSPs from age before age 65 as you will pay at least that in any scenario," he explains. "If you wait until you're 71 when you're forced to take out larger amounts, you may be paying more tax. Those larger withdrawals can have an impact on government benefit programs, too, and may even reduce the amount of your guaranteed income supplement."

The money you withdraw doesn't have to be spent right away. You can invest it or put it in a savings account, including a tax free savings account (TFSA), and just pay tax on any resulting investment income. If you're in a middle or lower tax bracket, doing it this way may mean substantially more money in your pocket when you are retired, because the value of your government benefits will likely be greater.

In the big scheme of things, it's a case of use it or lose it. If you pass away with money in RRSPs, the taxes have to be dealt with then. "If you're married, your RRSPs can be transferred to your spouse without immediate tax implications," Moore explains. "Otherwise, it's taxed in your estate when you die, and the rates may be almost 50 per cent."

Every situation is different. For advice about the best tax-saving strategies for your personal situation, consult a Chartered Professional Accountant in your community.

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On average, each Canadian uses a whopping 330 litres of water daily. Whether to clean, cook or quench our thirst, water is quintessential to our everyday life.

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If you're wondering why you should care, consider that wetlands provide ecological services such as flood control, carbon storage and food production; wetlands play a vital role in our day-to-day lives.

Over two-thirds of Canadians get their drinking water from lakes, rivers and reservoirs. The quality of that water depends on the health of the watershed, including wetlands. These habitats play a key role in removing sediments, excess nutrients and even bacteria from drinking water. Like giant sponges, wetlands absorb and replenish water, buffering our communities from flood and drought risks.

Humans aren't the only species to benefit from wetlands.

Wetlands are vital nesting and feeding grounds for waterfowl. They provide nursery habitat for fish and are one of Canada's most diverse ecosystems. At least half of our wildlife species rely on wetlands for at least part of their lifecycle.

Canada is home to 25 per cent of world's wetlands; more than any other country. However, these wetlands are disappearing due to infrastructure development or agricultural production. This depletion of wetlands is especially high in southern Canada.

For more than 50 years, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has protected and restored more than 59,000 hectares of wetlands across the country for the benefit of wildlife and people.

In NCC's conservation work, conservation staff identify and map Canada's most important habitats, including wetlands, for nature and people by working with private landowners, communities, governments, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other organizations.

NCC also restores wetlands that have been degraded, to improve these natural spaces for migratory birds, amphibians, fishes and other wildlife. Many of these areas provide recreational opportunities such as walking, hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing and canoeing. They also provide educational opportunities for people of all ages to learn and explore some of Canada's most majestic landscapes.

As the world grapples with the impacts of a changing climate, Canada is well positioned to make a difference on a global scale by conserving and restoring our wetlands.

Visit www.natureconservancy.ca to learn more about how you can volunteer, contribute to the Nature Conservancy of Canada's work and make a difference in the well-being of our country's people and wildlife.

Haliburton's Frost Festival

Head Lake Park - Saturday, February 13th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Lions Club Brunch at Head Lake Park (breakfast items and BBQ available) Crowning of the Ambassador and the Attaché

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Snowshoe Games with YMCA Camp Wanakita

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Watch Jake Raynard create a sculpture out of snow

10:00 am - 3:00 pm RPM Ambassodor transportation

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Try Curling on Head Lake with volunteers from the Haliburton Curling Club

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Broomball and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Try your luck at ice fishing with volunteers from the Haliburton Outdoors Association

10:30 am - I ♥ Winter theme craft at the Dysart Branch of the library

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Snowman building contest with the Haliburton Highlands Museum (winners will be announced after the Polar Bear Dip)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Ride a Pony with South Algonquin Trails sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton

11:00 am - 3:00 pm Hitch a ride on Irvin Holland's Horse Wagon sponsored by the Haliburton BIA

1:00 am - Until finished Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (First plunge at 1:00 pm) We would like to thank the Dysart Fire Department and Algonquin Highlands Fire Department for their support

1:00 pm - Maple Taffy on snow - provided by Maple Moon (until supplies run out)

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Kid's Dogsledding with Winterdance sponsored by Haliburton Foodland

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Dale Goldhawk to speak at Pinestone Resort

Focusing on their vision "that the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County are safe, respectful places for seniors to live free from abuse," the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Elder Abuse Prevention Network is hosting a free event, Safe and Secure Aging in Haliburton County for seniors on Thursday, March 3 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Keynote speaker Dale Goldhawk, host of *Goldhawk Fights Back* on Zoomer Radio AM 740, will inform seniors on how to prevent themselves from being scammed and abused and provide strategies to stand up for their rights to ensure growing older doesn't hurt. A recipient of both the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Goldhawk will highlight many personal anecdotal stories that he has collected over the years as a strong consumer advocate.

Const. Dianna Dauphinee, community services officer for the OPP Haliburton Highlands detachment will highlight important facts about reporting frauds and scams to the police. Elder Abuse Network chairperson Sheri McKeen states "With the growing incidence of seniors being defrauded, our goal is to prevent seniors from becoming the victims of frauds and scams." McKeen is pleased Dauphinee will be participating in this special event, stating "the OPP officer will provide seniors with the tools they need to recognize frauds and walk them through the steps on how to report a crime."

The event is free for all seniors and caregivers, through the generous support and funding of a seniors community grant program provided by the government of Ontario.

Those interested in attending must register by calling 705-457-1600/ 1-800-263-3877 ext. 3131 or online at www.goldhawkspeaksout-affiliate1.eventbrite.com.

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Looking for info on ride-sharing

By Chad Ingram

Do you regularly hitch rides with friends or give rides to others?

The Community Transportation Partnership, run by a group focused on rural transportation options for the county, has hired consultant Kate Hall to create a community-based marketing strategy for ride-sharing.

"We anecdotally think it's happening," Hall says. "We suspect it's a way people living in rural communities have gotten around for a long time. The first step people are probably going to take . . . would be taking a ride within their known social group." Ride-sharing can be a popular means of transportation in rural communities such as Haliburton County, which doesn't have any form of public transit.

A ride-sharing website was soft-launched by the group last year, but didn't have much uptake.

"It was very low," Hall says. "We didn't have any resources to promote it. It was just sort of there."

Now operating with a community transportation pilot grant from the Ministry of Transportation, Hall said the group will upgrading the website, which will include access through mobile devices.

The launch of the new site is scheduled to take place some time in the spring.

In the meantime, Hall is looking for data on residents' ride-sharing practices.

Anyone who uses ride-sharing as a method of transportation is asked to contact Hall at 705-489-2110 or email kvhall06@gmail.com.

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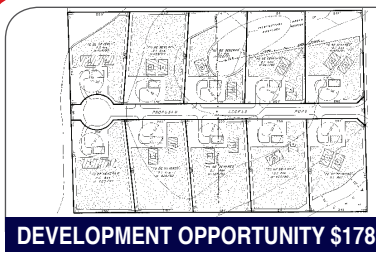

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Kids waiting for Big Brothers

By Jenn Watt

When a young person "ages out" of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program before ever being matched with an adult, it breaks Alyssa Wilson's heart.

Wilson is a case manager with Big Brothers Big Sisters for City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. She says she sees it happen too often and is concerned about the number of kids and teenagers waiting in Haliburton County – especially boys.

"I noticed a lot of our kids have been waiting for several years to meet somebody," Wilson says.

There are currently 18 kids waiting to be matched.

"I need males to start stepping forward because most of my waiting list children are boys."

Big Brothers Big Sisters asks that the "Bigs," or adults, be willing to give about three hours a week and commit for a year to the "Littles," however, that is flexible.

"If you can commit every other week three to four hours, that's fine too. Give us a call and say this is what I can offer," she says.

Snow birds, who go to hot climes each winter, will sometimes send postcards to their Littles or find other ways to connect during the two or three months they are away.

It's more important to make the connection and have to miss a few months than to not participate at all. Bigs can be any adult over the age of 18. The oldest Big in the region right now is 89 years old and participates in the in-school program.

In Haliburton County, there aren't any volunteers working with kids in the schools through Big Brothers Big Sisters, but Wilson would like that to change.

It is a one-hour commitment once a week on school property. The adult meets with his or her youth connection and does something fun. It could be playing a board game or reading a book or going outside and blowing bubbles.

The children on the waiting list are usually referred to the program by an educator at the school or through family. The hope is that through Big Brothers Big Sisters the youth makes a connection with a caring adult, creating a trusting relationship that can also provide new experiences. Wilson gives the example of a kid going for a snowmobile ride or trying a new sport.

Circumstances vary between children as to why they are in the program with the commonality that they could use extra time with a role model.

Wilson says that those children who go through the program benefit in tangible ways. They're more likely to get involved in community service as adults and are more likely to stay in school longer, achieving higher levels of education.

The screening for adults includes a police check, reference check and interview, but Big Brothers Big Sisters will come to Haliburton to do the interview process, even though the office is in Lindsay.

To inquire or sign up, give them a call at 705-324-6800.

Chamber gala tickets on sale

Tickets for the 10th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala are now on sale. This is the business event of the year that brings together community and business leaders from across the county.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is inviting members of the community to join us as we recognize and celebrate excellence in the Haliburton Highlands.

With 94 nominations received for 65 different businesses, organizations and individuals, it truly is a testament to the amazing work and accomplishments happening each and every day.

The 10th anniversary Gala is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre at 6 p.m. Tickets are $70 which includes a gourmet dinner, reception, nominee and award ceremonies, and a silent auction, with a dance to follow.

We are expecting another sold out event, so we encourage everyone to reserve your tickets now. You can contact Autumn Smith at the chamber at autumn@haliburtonchamber.com or by calling 705-457-4700.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce would also like to congratulate all of the nominees. You can find the full list at www.haliburtonchamber.com.

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Youth banned from buying e-cigarettes

New rules are now in effect that govern the sale and promotion of electronic cigarettes to minors in Ontario.

The new Electronic Cigarettes Act, which took effect on Jan. 1, treats e-cigarettes like other tobacco products, in banning the sale and supply of e-cigarettes (and their vaping components) to anyone under 19 years of age.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is currently working with local businesses affected by the new Electronic Cigarettes Act. Over the coming months, Health Unit staff members will visit and provide educational materials – including the required signs to be posted – to help those affected stores understand their responsibilities so they can comply with the new law. The Health Unit is also responsible for enforcing the Electronic Cigarettes Act.

"There is a lot to learn with the new e-cigarettes law, so we will be providing people with the materials and resources they need to understand and comply with the new rules," says Kris Kadwell, a tobacco control officer with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Regulating e-cigarettes is important, especially as doing so will help to protect public health."

While e-cigarettes do not appear to be as harmful as tobacco products, more and more research is raising flags about the long-term safety of using e-cigarettes. A study from Harvard University's School of Public Health (http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/15-10185/) released in December 2015 found a chemical used in the vast majority of flavoured e-cigarettes has been linked to severe respiratory disease. Earlier in 2015, the New England Journal of Medicine (www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc1413069) published a study that found e-cigarettes produced formaldehyde, which is a known carcinogen.

As more research is done into the long-term health effects of e-cigarette use, a more immediate concern health officials have is that e-cigarettes mimic smoking, making the practice of smoking tobacco appear acceptable, especially in public. "The use of the e-cigarettes threatens to undermine the progress we've made to 'denormalize' the use of tobacco in public places," Kadwell notes. "There are also concerns e-cigarettes will serve as a gateway for people to start using tobacco products. That's why banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors is an important first step in regulating e-cigarettes."

Already, health unit staff members have noticed an increase in the number of local high school students using e-cigarettes over the past 12 months. This local finding is backed up by results from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's 2015 Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey released in December 2015. The survey shows Ontario high school students are more likely to use e-cigarettes than regular cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are canisters used to simulate the act of smoking. Batteries heat up fluid-filled cartridges, turning the liquid into a vapour that can be inhaled and exhaled like tobacco smoke. Liquids in e-cigarettes often come in flavours such as bubble gum, cherry and candy cane that make them appealing to young people. Some of the devices may even contain nicotine in some concentrations. Unfortunately, actual amounts of the liquids are not always accurately reflected on container labelling.

To learn more about e-cigarettes and the Electronic Cigarettes Act, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

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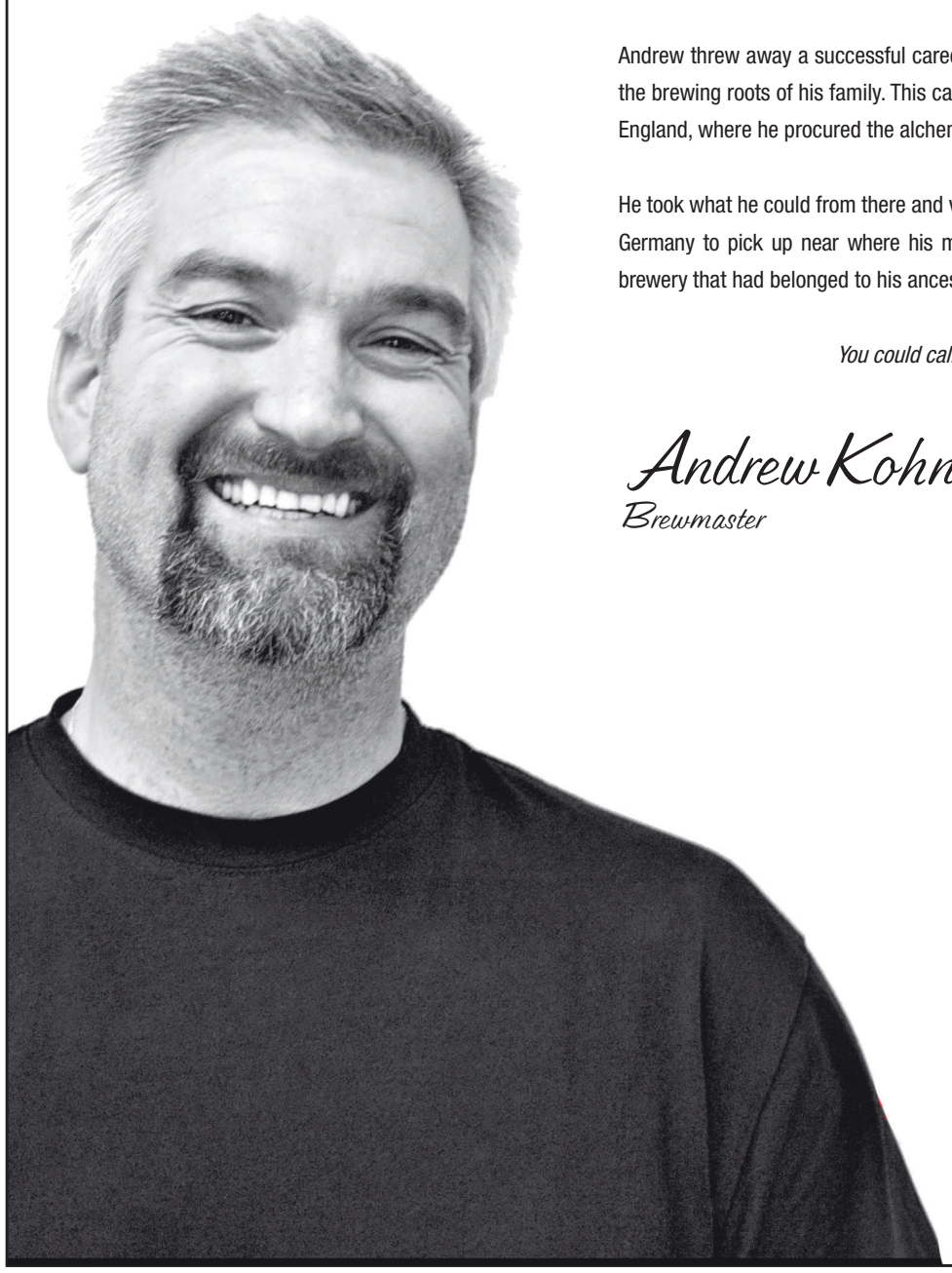

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13th

CATCH THE CURE~*FUNDRAISER* 1:00pm-7:30pm
SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre
Hockey game, figure skating exhibition, public skate, spaghetti dinner, silent auction, face painting, outdoor games, live music
Check out : CatchTheCure.ca or Catch the Cure 2016 on Facebook for more info.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 10:00am-1:00pm
Community Centre
Hosted by the Haliburton County Fair Board
Cost is $8.00 (includes pancakes, sausage and beverage). Children 6 and under eat free

SHINNY (ages 8-12) 10:00am-11:00am
SG Nesbitt Arena
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SHINNY (Kids vs Adults) 11:00am-12:00pm
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ICE CAR RACING 12:00pm
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MONDAY FEBRUARY 15th

FIGURE SKATING CARNIVAL 2:00pm
Hosted by the Minden Figure Skating Club

FAMILY ACTIVITIES 10:00am-3:00pm
Cultural Centre
Hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Fun indoor and outdoor activities throughout the day for the whole family.

Family Cartoon History Pictures 10am – 10:30am
Giant Canadian Bingo 10:30am – 11:30am
Cookie & Marshmallow Snowman Decorating 11:30am – 12pm
National Film Board Animated Shorts 1pm – 1:30pm
Relays and Games 1:30pm – 3pm
National Art Gallery and other Heritage Computer Activities 1:30pm – 3pm
Agnes Jamieson Gallery open with video art exhibition "Nature Situations" by Maayke Schurer

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Dogsled Derby sprints into Haliburton

If you've never watched a dogsled race before, it's exhilarating and loud!

With the dogs lunging, howling and barking to start racing, and leaving the chute reaching speeds of 30 kilometres per hour, there's lots of action to take in.

The Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby is world cup sanctioned by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) and close to 100 teams from across North America will converge at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton on March 5 to 6.

Mushers will race through a series of well-groomed trails and two kinds of racing will be offered: skijoring and dogsled racing.

Races run all day Saturday and Sunday with teams leaving the start chute at two-minute intervals.

The most popular race every year is the adorable kid and mutt class, while the skijoring class offers a unique take on the sport with mushers on cross-county skis, pulled by one or two dogs.

Of course, the eight-dog class offers maximum excitement.

While at the Derby, you'll be able to enjoy the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, which is located just five minutes south of the village of Haliburton.

Choose from two restaurants on-site as well as a food booth located close to the races. Don't forget to bring your camera to record the action and feel free to chat with mushers before or after the race.

Story submitted

To list your event in our Community Calendar, email classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Remembering Burns

Alan Cooper joined the Haliburton Highlands pipes and drums band for a performance at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 23 in honour of Robbie Burns. Robbie Burns Day was technically Jan 25. Burns was a famous, 19th century Scottish poet.
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Thursday February 4th and 18th

11:00am-12:00pm

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Friday February 12th: Snowdon Park Conservation Area

11:00am

Meet in Snowdon park parking lot (off County Rd #1)

Friday February 26th: Dahl Forest

11:00am

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West Guilford Community Center ATV and Poker Run Dinner & Dance

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Highlights of the online e-procurement tool for vendors include:

- 24/7 Access
- All calculations are done automatically
- Vendors can preview bid documents prior to registering
- Built-in bid compliancy checker for 100% compliant bids
- Flexibility to modify and withdraw bids in advance of closing time and date

This new e-procurement tool will replace the school boards' current tender portal, located at www.biddingo.com as of February 25, 2016.

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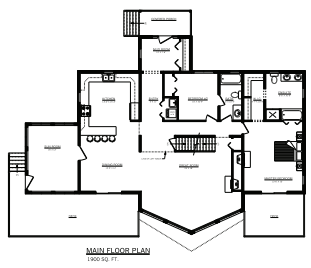

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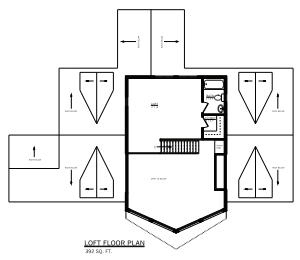

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Dated Events

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge

When: Saturday Feb. 13, 2016,
Registration at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & Event starts at 1:00 pm
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
All proceeds to the Sick Kids Eye Clinic or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
Prizes awarded to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars and also the best customes.
For more information, contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, BBQ Lunch

When: Sat. February 13/16, 10:30 - 2:00 pm (Family Day Weekend)
Where: Intersection of Rail Trail B103 and HCSA #9 in Donald
Come and join us for a BBQ lunch, meet other club members and Directors and see how a Groomer works.
We will have peamel on a bun ($5.00), hot-dogs ($3.00), drinks and chips. There will be on the spot draw prizes.
Contact: hcsa.ca or ejesseman@bell.net

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Winter Tracks & Signs

When: Saturday, Feb. 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Dahl forest, 1307 Geeza Rd., Gelert, ON
Cost : $5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult
Join us on a family-friendly hike through the pristine beauty of the Dahl Forest in winter. Together we'll seek out signs of wildlife activity, in the form of tracks, scat, and other clues. Dress for the weather, and if you've got snow shoes, bring them along.

Family Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast (presented by Haliburton County Fair)

When: Sunday, February 14th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Minden Community Centre, S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena (upstairs)
55 Parkside Street, Minden
Cost: $8.00 (children under 6 eat free). Includes pancakes, sausage and a beverage

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists Potluck and Show & Tell

When: Tuesday Feb. 16th at 12 noon
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
Join us for a Potluck Lunch and enjoy a session of photos, short nature "tails" and other brief
presentations by member of the HHFN
Come and learn who we are and what we do.
Public admission is free. Bring a potluck food item

Highlands Camera Club

When: Wed. February 17
Where: Haliburton Museun
The camera club is open to anyone interested in photography, visitors are always welcome at no charge at our monthly meetings, which alternate between Minden and Haliburton. Membership, for those who want to join the club, is only $40/year with special rates for families and Fleming College students and Haliburton High School students can join for free! Details can be found on our website at www.highlandscameraclub.ca.

Recurring Events

Rexall Haliburton, Flu Shots Available

Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-6pm.
No Appointment necessary.
Available to everyone in the community
We just received doses of FluMist . FluMist is a Nasal Spray dosing that can be used for Children as young as Five. Because it is a nasal spray, there is no injection required. Again, our pharmacists can administer the flu vaccine to anyone with a valid Ontario Health Card any time, any day.

Family Kung Fu – Active & Strong In Algonquin Highlands!

When: Saturdays, January 9 to February 13 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. (6 weeks)
Where: Dorset Recreation Centre
Traditional martial art training to build character, respect and discipline open to all ages and families. Registration is required. Cost is $30 for the 6 weeks. Funded by the Government of Ontario.
Contact: 705-766-9968, recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca,
Website: www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Bunnyrabbit, Jackrabbit and Track Attack Ski Program

(The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail Association)
When: Sat. Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 7, 14. Time: 1:30 - 3:00
Where: Glebe Park, Bandshell Area
We will be offering Cross Country Canada's Skill Development Program for children from ages 4 to 12 years old. There is a rental program for children who have out grown their equipment at a cost of $50 for the season. The overall goal is to learn that winter and snow provide a great opportunity for outdoor enjoyment and adventure. Contact: Jane Heyes, heyes@sympatico.ca , 705-457-1465; For rental equipment, Brian Hills, brihill3@hotmail.com or705-457-6647

"JOURNEY" Annual Salon Exhibition

When: Saturday January 23 til Saturday March 19 Wed – Sat 11-5, Sun 11 – 3
Where: Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre 23 York Street
Vote for your favourite work of art by a local artist in The People's Choice! An excellent introduction to art appreciation for the whole family. Admission by donation. All welcome.
Contact: Laurie Jones, Curator 705-457-2330 www.railsendgallery.com

Cancer Support Group,

Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden

When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

The VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility.

When: Minden, Tuesday's at 11 at the Hyland Crest Auditorium, Haliburton, Thursdays at 1pm at EchoHills.
Please contact Judy Webb@ 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne @ 705-457-4551 for more information.

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Toastmaster Minden

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 12 noon to 1:00 pm (winter meetings times)
Where: OPP conference room, 12598 Hwy. 35 (across from Tim Hortons)
The fee has been reduced
Anyone, who is 18 to 80 years of age can attend.
First three meetings are FREE

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS WEAVING & SPINNING GUILD OPEN STUDIOS:

Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-7782 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi

Carnarvon: Zion United Church
Tuesday: 10:00 am - noon
Friday: 10:00 am - noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Health Recovery: Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10:00 am - noon

Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Jan Simon PRO February 12th – February 18th
Friday Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm
Please call Gwen Otto to reserve 705-448-2106
Everyone 55+ Welcome!!
Pool 1:30pm
Saturday Youth League invites you to an old fashioned tea From 12:00-3:00pm – come and enjoy the art of tea.
Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp
Valentine Dance 9:00pm to close DJ Dale Allison
Sunday L.A. Breakfast 90:00am-12:00pm
Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Fun darts - 4:30 pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Haliburton County's own Scotty Gartshore at the Haliburton Legion Club Room on **Saturday February 20th 4-7 pm.** Enjoy lasagna prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only 4^. Plus for just a loonie, don't miss out on our 50/50 draw at 6pm. $5 cover charge for non members.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705)457-2571. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. No Ladies Darts Dec and January
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time. Dec 16, special Christmas meat draws.
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and placing your order. The cook will prepare only the number of orders placed before 6 p.m.

Branch 441 Kinmount

PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191
Mondays: Seniors cards, pot luck lunch 1230 followed by Bid Euchre
Family Fun Bingo 630pm Children & Adult fun and All welcome!
Wednesday: Summer Drop In Darts
Fridays: Bingo 6:45 all welcome $300 Must Go Jackpot
Saturdays: 5pm Meat Draw

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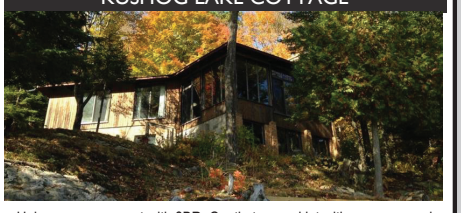

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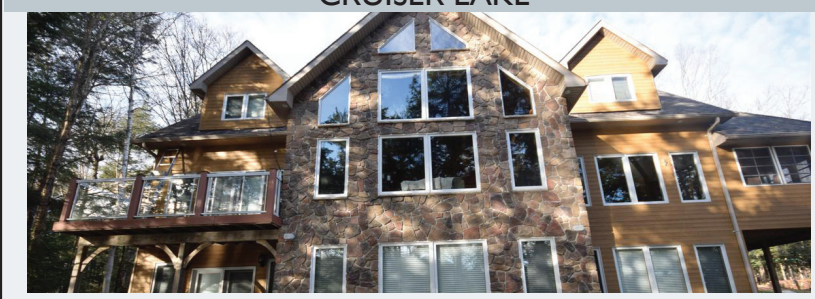

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